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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: STATIONARY SOURCES OF
AIR POLLUTION WORKING GROUP MEETING (02.01-20)

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1. SUBJECT WORKING GROUP DELEGATION VISITED EMBASSY AFTER COMPLETION OF MOSCOW PORTION OF THEIR PROGRAM. THE DELEGATION REPORTED USEFUL TALKS IN HYDROMET WITH THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS, AND NOTED THAT THE MINISTRY OF POWER HAS APPROVED INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST MAGNESIUM OXIDE STACK SCRUBBER IN THE USSR. THE 200 MW SCRUBBER WILL BE INSTALLED IN AN UNSPECIFIED COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT. DELEGATION ALSO DISCUSSED AN AMMONIA STACK SCRUBBER WHICH WILL BE INSTALLED ON AN OIL-FIRED POWER PLANT IN RYAZAN. IN ADDITION, THE DELEGATION REPORTED INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS ON THE CHEMISTRY OF LYE LIMESTONE SCRUBBERS AND ON ELECTRO-STATIS PARTICULATES.
2. ONE MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE DONE INNOVATIVE WORK IN SOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY. HE WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN A
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SOVIET TECHNIQUE FOR DRY QUENCHING OF COKE, A NEWLY DEVELOPED CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE BLAST FURNACE AT THE KRIVOY ROG STEEL MILLS, AND SOVIET WORK ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT, ABOUT WHICH THE DELEGATION HOPES TO OBTAIN MORE DATA FROM THE SOVIETS.

3. FOR THE FUTURE, DELEGATES EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN

VISITING AND OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS
CONNECTED WITH SOVIET EFFORTS AT IN SITU COAL AND OIL
SHALE BURNING, AS WELL AS ABOUT A COAL GASIFICATION PLANT IN
THE BALTIC REGION.

4. DELEGATES NOTED THAT COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS SOMETIMES LED
TO DELAYS AND CAUSED DIFFICULTIES IN CARRYING OUT THE WORK OF
THE PROGRAM. IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT
SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND TECHNOLOGY OF INTEREST TO
THE U.S. IN VIEW OF THESE PROBLEMS, SEVERAL DELEGATES EXPRESSED TO
US
THE VIEW THAT EQUIVALENT RESOURCES DEVOTED TO DOMESTIC PROGRAMS
MIGHT PRODUCE GREATER RESULTS THAN THOSE OBTAINED FROM THEIR
EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE SOVIET UNION, IF THESE PROBLEMS
ARE NOT RESOLVED. TOON

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